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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2009, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendment and to consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes; and

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Pursuant to C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated December 18, 2009. If the extension period requested herein is incorrect, Applicant requests an extension for the necessary period of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. Please charge our deposit account in the amount of **\$555.00** to cover the necessary **three-month extension fee** under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a). Please charge our Deposit Account No. **06-0029** for any additional charge associated with such an extension.